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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a THREE-MONTH extension of time in responding to the Patent Office communication mailed 5/21/2003. This request is being made solely to maintain co-pendency for the filing of a continuation application being filed on even date herewith.

Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. A check to cover the \$950 filing fee for said extension of time; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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